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SUBJECT: REPORT ON FAMINE SITUATION IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 1054

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT ON FAMINE SITUATION IN BEIRA PREPARED BY "FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE", ORGANIZATION SUPPORTED BY MISSIONARIES OF FOUR CONGREGATIONS WHO IN PART HAD TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE. REPORT WAS PREPARED BY MGR. DUARTE DE ALMEIDA, FORMER VICAR-GENERAL OF BEIRA DIOCESE, WHO VISITED AFFECTED AREAS FROM OCTOBER 3-21.

2. DE ALMEIDA ATTRIBUTES DISTRESS IN AFFECTED AREAS TO LAST SPRING'S FLOODS AND TO SEVERE ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS RESULTING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF ALDEAMENTO (STRATEGIC HAMLET) POLICY BY PORTUGUESE. HE CONCLUDES 50,000 FAMILIES (ESTIMATED 250,000 PEOPLE) ARE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER, DISEASE, AND LACK
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OF CLOTHING AND THAT THOUSANDS WILL DIE IF HELP IS NOT GIVEN

ON SHORT NOTICE. REPORT LISTED SPECIFIC NEEDS BY AREA, INCLUDING SEEDS (E.G., MAIZE, SORGHUM), AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, MEDICINES, FOOD, CLOTHES, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

3. GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL AUER, WHO PROVIDED REPORT TO US CONFIDENTIALLY, ESTIMATES TOTAL COST OF SUPPLIES LISTED BY DE ALMEIDA AMOUNTS TO DOLS 2 MILLION.

4. REPORT BEING POUCHED DECEMBER 4.
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